

Navy May Play Georgetown Here Next Year---Plans Are Already Under Way

PLANS UNDER WAY TO HAVE NAVY PLAY GEORGETOWN HERE

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Georgetown may play the Navy eleven in Washington next season. Forces are at work in official circles here to bring this about and, it is believed that no obstacles will be put in the way of the project. Georgetown has come forward with an offer of half the gate receipts to go to the Navy orphans' fund.

Navy people of prominence have for some time considered plans for bringing the Middies to the Capital, believing that official and diplomatic Washington deserves an opportunity of seeing the service eleven in action without traveling to Philadelphia or New York, or even to Annapolis. They have found almost unanimous agreement with the idea of having the Navy team visit the Capital next year. It is impossible to stage the annual Army-Navy contest here, but Georgetown has evinced its willingness to face the Middies. The Hill-toppers have gone to Annapolis for years, bringing with them a fair number of football enthusiasts, but with a contest played here all Washington's Government circles could enjoy seeing the game.

When it was suggested that the game be played here, with an admission charge, the Navy authorities announced that they did not play for money. Immediately Georgetown offered to donate half the receipts to the Navy fund. At Annapolis no admission charge is asked for any of the sports engaged in by the future admirals. Georgetown could not very well take all the receipts, nor did such a thought occur to the West End authorities. As soon as it was suggested that half the receipts go to the Navy fund, complete accord arrived between the two sides.

MAY PLAY IN NOVEMBER.

If the suggested plans go through, and there is every indication that they will, it is possible that this game will be played in November instead of October. The Navy authorities have been complaining all season over the poor schedule for the eleven which opens the campaign with hard teams like Georgetown and Pittsburgh and, just when strong teams should appear to assist the Middies in "prepping" for the annual battle with the Army, the weakest teams are met. This condition existed this season and many close followers of the game believe that the schedule did more toward bringing about the defeat of the Navy at New York last Saturday than any other one thing.

Georgetown is sure to have a powerful eleven in 1916. Captain Barron is the only man to be missed and strong substitutes are at hand to fill in his place in the line. The Navy would have no easy time of it playing the Blue and Gray in November. The eleven would then be far advanced in all that makes for success on the gridiron. Putting weaker teams on the Navy schedule for October, gradually bringing stronger opponents, would assist the Middies in their preparations far better than to have the strong teams open the campaign and the weaker ones come in a few weeks before the annual game with the West Pointers.

This balancing of the football schedule is credited by many with the general success of the Army in its games with the Navy. The Army, for instance, opened its campaign with Holy Cross, Colgate, Georgetown, Villanova, and Notre Dame on successive Saturdays. After these games, the Army met the Maine game as a relief for the tired soldiers. Springfield Training School proved for the Army the best team for the Army before meeting the Navy. On the other hand, the Navy opened with Georgetown and quickly came to Georgetown and then to the North Carolina Aggies, Bucknell, Colby, and Utrinus were then taken on the last three teams entirely as a preparation for the Army game.

There is considerable difficulty ahead of all schedule makers at the service schools. Without admission charges, few of the stronger teams care to play the cadets. However, this does not obtain at Georgetown. The Hill-toppers have never considered that when booking their annual games with the Navy, this year Georgetown failed to make money in either game with the service schools, but no complaint is made on that score. The manager at the Hill-toppers believed that a football standpoint that these two games would aid the team. Their decision was near the later results. Time necessary to see the game. The Navy constantly grew weaker as the caliber of its opponents grew weaker.

It is doubtful if this game could be played at Georgetown Field. All official Washington would want to see the Middies and then the general public would have to be turned away from the grounds. The stands at the Hill-top seat about 7,000, which would hardly care to fill the service schools. The only logical place for the game would be the American Legion Park.

Three years ago Manager Clark Griffith declined to allow the high schools to use his park because at that time it was putting in no seed money to have it torn up by football contests. Since then, however, the field has been used and today would not be ruined by football players. The Polo Grounds are used each fall for football games without suffering any damage and this could easily be pointed out to the ball club officers.

With the Navy tackling the Hill-toppers at the ball park, it would easily be possible to lure for at least 25,000 spectators. This would provide for all official Washington and most of the general public who almost never see a service eleven in action. With both teams playing good football and knowing more and more each week from week to week a November contest at the ball park would easily draw 25,000 spectators. Prominent Navy officials are now at work on this plan to bring the Navy eleven here in 1916 for a game with Georgetown. They point out that all department workers could spare the little time necessary to see the game. Going to New York takes two nights and a day out of Government duties. Going to Philadelphia takes a day. Going to Annapolis practically takes a whole day. With the game played here, not more than a couple of hours would be lost. It is expected that this phase of the question will have considerable effect with the authorities, whose permission must be obtained before the Navy eleven is allowed to come to Washington.

So far as the middies themselves are concerned, they can come here from Annapolis in less than two hours, play the game, and return to Annapolis in time for dinner. Almost no time whatever would be lost in doing this. Indeed, it might be possible for the whole battalion of midshipment to accompany the eleven to the Capital and still lose none of their routine duties at the Academy.

Georgetown is perfectly willing to do anything that will please the Navy officials. If it is decided that November is too late for the contest, Georgetown is willing to have it played in October, though preferring the later date. The west end authorities expect some action in the matter soon and it is possible that when the Georgetown 1916 schedule is arranged, it will be found that the Navy eleven will be played in Washington, the service schools yielding to a demand from the officials here.

CORNELL CAN'T PLAY PITTSBURGH ELEVEN

Faculty Will Not Allow Any More Games and Athletics Have Broken Training.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 1.—A post-season football game between Cornell and Pittsburgh is absolutely impossible; in the first place, because the Cornell faculty permits its football team only a certain number of games and will not consider such a contest as that suggested to decide the Eastern championship, and, in the second place, because the Cornell eleven has already broken training.

MAHAN IN NO HURRY TO COACH ELEVEN

Harvard Captain Admits Receiving Offers, But Wants to Play Ball in Spring.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 1.—Captain Mahan, of the Harvard football team, admitted today that he had received overtures from the University of Wisconsin as well as from other colleges in reference to football coaching. While it is possible that he may pick up some money coaching next fall Mahan declared that he would not sign a contract or even agree verbally to coach any team until after his graduation. "I have had several offers, including one from some one connected with Wisconsin, in reference to football coaching next fall," Mahan said today. "I haven't answered any of them, nor paid much attention to the letters, as I intend to try out for the Harvard team in the spring, and do not care to jeopardize my standing by signing a contract to coach. I can make arrangements to get time off next fall to coach if I desire to from the position which I expect to occupy next summer."

Fred Mitchell to Coach Harvard Nine in Spring

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 1.—The election of Fred Mitchell, coach and captain of the Boston Nationals, as head coach for the Harvard baseball team, was announced by the Harvard Athletic Association today. He is to be engaged for one year and will succeed P. D. Houghton, the Crimmins' football director, who stepped in to the breach caused by the resignation of Dr. Frank J. Sexton as baseball coach in the middle of the last season. Mitchell has played with the Boston Americans and the Philadelphia Americans and Boston Nationals as a catcher.

"BUGS" BAER TAKES A PEEK AT WILLIE HOPPE BEATING YAMADA



YAMADA PICKS UP IN HIS LAST MATCH

Scores One of His Best Games Against Willie Hoppe, the Champion.

Willie Hoppe and Koji Yamada, who have given Washington an interesting series of billiard matches, left for Baltimore today. Their final game at 18.2 billiards attracted one of the best galleries that has marked any event of the nature here in years. Koji Yamada probably revealed himself in the best light of his career when he lost to Hoppe by 308 to 400, one of the best scores he has registered against the champion. Yesterday afternoon Yamada, made only 123 points while Hoppe piled up 400.

AFTERNOON GAME
Hoppe—24, 1, 58, 1, 0, 100, 8, 17, 59, 51, 81—400. Yamada—9, 4, 10, 11, 0, 21, 15, 3, 9, 24, 19—123. High run—Hoppe, 100; Yamada, 24. Average—Hoppe, 38.4-11; Yamada, 11.8-11.

EVENING GAME
Hoppe—0, 0, 2, 86, 145, 11, 49, 6, 3, 14, 0, 15—400. Yamada—0, 0, 28, 4, 5, 54, 35, 68, 4, 86—308. High run—Hoppe, 149; Yamada, 86. Average—Hoppe, 33.3; Yamada, 28.

Chip Beats Grande.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 1.—George Chip, the local middleweight, had the best of a ten-round bout here last night with Sailor Grande, of San Francisco. The first three rounds were even, but after that Chip landed two blows for one received and almost scored a knock-out in the seventh. Grande held on the last three rounds and Chip was unable to land a finishing blow.

Bigelow Claims Yale Needs Sanford on Job

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 1.—Not in years has such a sensation been created in Yale athletics as that caused today by an open statement of Lucius Horatio Bigelow, of New York, advocating Foster Sanford as head coach at Yale. Bigelow was captain of the champion team of the fall of 1907. He played tackle for three years, and was on the Yale crew one year. Later, Bigelow was head coach of Capt. Robert B. Burch's eleven.

In his statement he says nothing of Tad Jones, who was All-America quarterback on Bigelow's team and assistant coach to Bigelow the following year. Jones is now coach of Exeter and many want him to come here. After reviewing the past season, Bigelow says:

"In the first place, Yale University, both faculty and undergraduates, must understand that the Yale which has passed on and out into the world will not tolerate again a situation similar to that which existed this year. We insist that it is our right to have the very best Yale football brains in the country employed in training the men who will be called upon to represent the university in the games with Princeton and Harvard. We insist that it is our right to have the best Yale football brains employed in obtaining the head coach for next year, and that this be done right away."

"No so-called athletic committee composed either of men who have no football experience or of men who have only played football for the past few years, has any right to install a system or make arrangements with any man to come to New Haven as head coach without first obtaining the advice and the approval of the representative football men of Yale."

"We want three things at New Haven—First, a head coach who is man enough to obtain and maintain the respect and admiration of the men with whom he comes into contact; who knows the game well enough to be able to teach Yale football, codify the Yale game, use everything of value which any Yale man has to offer, and install a system at New Haven which will be big enough to endure without the personal control of any one man."

"Second, a coach for the freshman team who will come here for a term of years and who will, in conjunction with the university head coach, train the freshmen in Yale football."

"Third, a man who might be known as an athletic adviser, or as anything else that you want to call him, whose main duty it would be to get into contact with the men as they come to New Haven and to keep in contact with them after they are there; to take a personal interest in the men, make them see how worth while it is to keep up in their studies, act as a go-between for faculty and undergraduates, and in general make the 'indefinite team disgrace' an impossibility in the future."

"My suggestions for the men for these three positions are as follows: For head coach, Foster Sanford. He would be very glad to take this job, which might well daunt a smaller man. He is a Yale man to the bone, and every one knows what kind of a coach he has been."

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Mahan is much amused at the antics of a voluntary press agent who has written several yarns about him, the latest of which was printed today. The story declares that the Harvard captain played a snipe role as Chinaman in the Montmorency and Stone show in New York Saturday. Mahan denied vehemently that such had been a fact, and was on the warpath with blood in his eye.

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quite another position from that now occupied by Johnny Mack, who should stay where he is. There is no one that I know of who would act in this capacity to better advantage than Sweeney could. He would be of tremendous service to the university. Tom Sherrin could get Sweeney to come. Having this large staff of first-class men would mean a large additional financial outlay, but this the graduates are ready and willing to assume. We must do the right thing now. I suggest the above as the right thing to do.

"Yale is a bigger thing than the faculty and undergraduates, and the faculty and undergraduates must not forget that we too have a right to say what shall be done with this name which we are still so proud to claim as our own."

Scarr Rutgers' Leader.
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 1.—Francis Scarr, for two years varsity quarterback, has been elected captain of the Rutgers eleven for 1916.

Koney Tries Hand Car When He Missed Train

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—Ed Konetchy, first baseman of the Pittsburgh Federal League club, has returned from Louisiana, where he inspected some cotton land at the suggestion of E. T. (Rebel) Oakes, Pittsburgh Federal manager. Oakes owns a cotton plantation down there, so does Hickory Bob Harmon. Oakes showed Koney a piece of land located forty miles east of Shreveport, La.

"I missed train connections at Shreveport and rode the forty miles on a handcar," said the big firstsacker. "It was good exercise. Harmon and Oakes are raising cotton. They use negro labor and recommend Missouri mules. The country looks good, but I don't invest. I think I'll take Tom Kearney's tip and buy Missouri corn land."

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